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Indiana State Board of Animal Health
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Dear Mr. Haynes:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 12-491 and proposed by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health ("BOAH"). The proposed rule amends various sections of 345 IAC concerning cervid health.

The economic impact statement prepared by the BOAH indicates that the proposed rule affects any person keeping a cervid animal, but does not provide an estimate for the number of small businesses that might be impacted. According to the economic impact statement, any economic impact incurred beyond what is currently in place would be the result of an individual or small business' decision to participate in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program. The BOAH states that the changes in the proposed rule to the CWD Program are required in order to comply with federal standards which will allow Indiana cervid owners to continue moving their animals to and from other states.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or eshields@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Shields".

Eric P. Shields
Policy Director